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DEPARTMENT PASS SECRETARY'S PARTY

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TAGS: PERP, CY, TU, US
SUBJECT: KYPROANOU SEEKS MEETING WITH ECEVIT; ASKS SECRETARY
VANCE'S ASSISTANCE

1. APPARENTLY EXEMPLIFYING NEW-FOUND DETENTE BETWEEN PRESIDENT
KYPRIANOU AND CLERIDES, CLERIDES APPROACHED ME ON AN URGENT
BASIS EVENING JANUARY 19 SAYING ONLY HE AND KYPRIANOU WERE
PRIVY TO THE REQUEST HE WAS ABOUT TO MAKE, AND ASKING THAT IT
BE CLOSELY HELD, CLERIDES SAID KYPRIANOU WOULD LIKE TO HAVE
AN EARLY OPPORTUNITY TO MEET PRIME MINISTER ECEVIT IN TURKEY
OR ANYWHERE ELSE AT ANY TIME. KYPRIANOU WOULD BE GRATEFUL IF
SECRETARY VANCE COULD INFORM ECEVIT OF THIS. IF ECEVIT'S
RESPONSE IS AFFIRMATIVE IN PRINCIPLE AND HE GIVES AN APPROX-
IMATE DATE AND PLACE, KYPRIANOU WILL AGREE TO ANY FORM OF
ANNOUNCEMENT AND WILL STATE THE MEETING HAS BEEN SOUGHT
BY HIM.

2. CLERIDES ASKED THAT U.S. RESPONSE TO KYPRIANOU BE PASSED
THROUGH HIM. HE STRESSED THAT OTHERS IN GOC HAD NOT, AND
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SHOULD NOT AT THIS STAGE, BE INFORMED. HE SPECIFICALLY
MENTIONED THAT FONMIN CHRISTOPHIDES WAS NOT IN THE PICTURE.

3. COMMENT: SINCE WE HAVE BEEN ASKED, I RECOMMEND THAT THE
SECRETARY PASS KYPRIANOU'S MESSAGE AND THAT I BE AUTHORIZED
TO CONVEY THE RESPONSE TO CLERIDES.
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